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1. AS REQUESTED REF TELCON THERE FOLLOWS AN UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE DREU-234/1336-2
RECEIVED NOVEMBER 18.

2. TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COM-
PLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN PANAMA AND
WITH REFERENCE TO ITS NOTE 146 OF OCTOBER 21, 1977, IN WHICH
IT PROPOSES THAT THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AGREE TO DECLARE A
DEFICIT OF TWO MILLION POUNDS WHICH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE HAS CALCULATED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 1977 WITH
RESPECT TO AVAILABLE SHIPMENTS OF MEAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM FOR 1977, AND THAT IF IT AGREES TO
SUCH A DECLARATION THE QUOTA FOR THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA FOR
1977 WILL BE REDUCED BY TWO MILLION POUNDS, WITHOUT
THIS DECLARATION PREJUDICING IN ANY WAY THE PANAMANIAN
QUOTA REGARDING ANY FUTURE PROGRAM LIMITATION, HIS
EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL
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DEVELOPMENT, LT. COL. RUBEN DARIO PAREDES, HAS SENT
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS A NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT, AS
FOLLOWS

3. (TEXT OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY LETTER TO
FOREIGN MINISTRY):

WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOTE SENT TO YOU BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, DATED 21 OCTOBER 1977, WHICH ASKS OUR COUNTRY TO AGREE TO A DECLARATION OF SHORTFALL OF TWO MILLION POUNDS OF BEEF IN OUR EXPORT QUOTA TO THE NORTH AMERICAN MARKET, ALLOW ME TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICE FOR NATIONAL MEAT POLICY, RECOGNIZES THAT IN FACT DURING THE CURRENT YEAR THERE HAS BEEN A SHORTFALL IN QUOTA (SIC) OF MEAT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RESULTING FROM VARIOUS FACTORS--DROUGHT, ETC.-- WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR THE SHORTFALL IN THE QUOTA EXPORTED.

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TAKES NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO THE REFERENCED NOTE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT AN ACCEPTANCE OF SHORTFALL IN NO WAY SHALL PREJUDICE PANAMA'S SHARE IN ANY FUTURE RESTRICTIVE PROGRAM. THIS MINISTRY WANTS IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THEN THAT (DEJA ENTONCES CLARAMENTE ESTABLECIDO QUE)--FOR THE 1978 PERIOD OUR COUNTRY WILL REASSUME THE DESIGNATED QUOTA OF FIVE MILLION POUNDS OF LOCALLY-PRODUCED MEAT FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN MARKET, AS INDEED IS STATED IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY NOTE REFERRED TO ABOVE.
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